

2003 Small Grants Program Conference

November 20 - November 21, 2003

Washington, DC



**Food Assistance and
Nutrition Research Program**

Mission: Research for a Healthy, Well-Nourished America

Small Grants Program Conference

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

Economic Research Service, Waugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1800 M Street, NW

Thursday, November 20

8:15 am
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am
Welcome and Introductions

8:45 am
Session 1: Food Assistance and Child Well-Being

Moderator: John Karl Scholz, Director, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Impact of the WIC Program on Child Outcomes
Marianne BitlerRand Corporation
Discussant: Shelly Ver Ploeg, National Academy of Sciences

Nutritional Balance Through Traditional Ojibwa Foods
Debra J. ParrishKeweenaw Bay Ojibwa
Community College
Discussant: Annette Saunooke, The College of William and Mary

Exploring the Effects of the National School Lunch Program on Child Obesity and Development
Lori Kowaleski-JonesUniversity of Utah
Rachel DunifonCornell University
Discussant: Jay Variyam, ERS, USDA

10:30 am
Break

10:45 am
Session 2: Food Insecurity and Hunger

Moderator: Lucia Kaiser, Department of Nutrition, University of California-Davis

Welfare Reform and Long-term Stability in Food Security Among Children of Immigrants
Jennifer Van Hook and
Kelly Stamper BalistreriBowling Green State University
Discussant: Randy Capps, Urban Institute

The Relationship Between Food Stamps, the Value of Food Acquired, and Household Food Security
Beth Osborne DaponteYale University
Melvin Stephens, Jr.Carnegie Mellon University
Discussant: Andi Carlson, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA

Dietary Intake and Food Security Among Migrant Farm Workers in Pennsylvania
Katherine CasonClemson University
Sergio Nieto, America Chavez, Nan Lv, and
Anastasia SnyderPennsylvania State University
Discussant: Lucia Kaiser, University of California, Davis

12:30 pm
Lunch at ERS

1:30 pm
Session 2: Food Insecurity and Hunger (continued)

The Role of Food Assistance and Employment in Helping Food Insecure Families Avoid Hunger
Nader Kabbani and
Mira YazbeckAmerican University of Beirut
Discussant: Caroline Ratcliffe, Urban Institute

Relationship of Household Food Insecurity to Use of Preventative Medical Services in the California Health Interview Survey
Gail G. HarrisonUniversity of California-Los Angeles
Discussant: Caroline Ratcliffe, Urban Institute

2:40 pm
Break

2:55 pm
Session 3: Dynamics of Program Participation and Food Insecurity

Moderator, Robert LaLonde, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

Who Exits the Food Stamp Program After Welfare Reform?
Colleen HeflinUniversity of Kentucky
Discussant: Dave Ribar, George Washington University

Food Assistance and Working Poor Families in the Rural South
Bradford Mills, Brian Whiteacre, and
Christiana HilmerVirginia Polytechnic and State University
Discussant: Karen Hamrick, ERS, USDA

The Interaction Between Food Stamps and Welfare Programs: An Empirical Model of Program Dynamics in the Cleveland Metropolitan Area
Laura LeeteWillamette University
Neil BaniaCase Western Reserve University
Discussant: Constance Newman, ERS, USDA

4:40 pm
Adjournment
Reception (sponsored by the Farm Foundation)

Program Agenda



Friday, November 21

9:00 am
Continental Breakfast

9:15 am
Welcome, Announcements

9:30 am
Session 4: Obesity

Moderator: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu, Director, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

Assessing the Prevalence of Childhood Obesity Among Limited Resource Latino and Non-Latino Families in Virginia
Elena Serrano and

Ruby H. CoxVirginia Polytechnic and State University

Discussant: Cynthia Ogden, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS

The Incidence of Overweight and Obesity in Southern Adolescents

Mellie L. WarnerClemson University
Discussant: Nicole Ballenger, ERS, USDA

The Food Insecurity-Obesity Paradox in Women

Christine Olson and
Myla StrawdermanCornell University
Discussant: Peter Basiotis, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA

The Nutritional and Cultural Value of Traditional Tohono O'odham Foods

Daniel LopezTohono O'odham Community College
Tristan ReaderTohono O'odham Community Action
Discussant: Ann Vandeman, Left Foot Organics

11:50 pm
Lunch at ERS

1:00 pm
Session 5: Community Factors, Dietary Intake, and Health

Moderator: Jay Stauss, Director, American Indian Studies Program, University of Arizona

Retail Globalization and Food Access in the South

Troy C. BlanchardMississippi State University
Discussant: Barbara Cohen, Collaborative Consultants

The Nutritional Value and Cultural Significance of Wild Rice on the White Earth Reservation

Anna RowlandWhite Earth Tribal and Community College
Discussant: John L. Phillips, American Indian Higher Education Consortium/USDA Liaison

Assessing Food Insecurity Events in Two Different Public Housing Communities

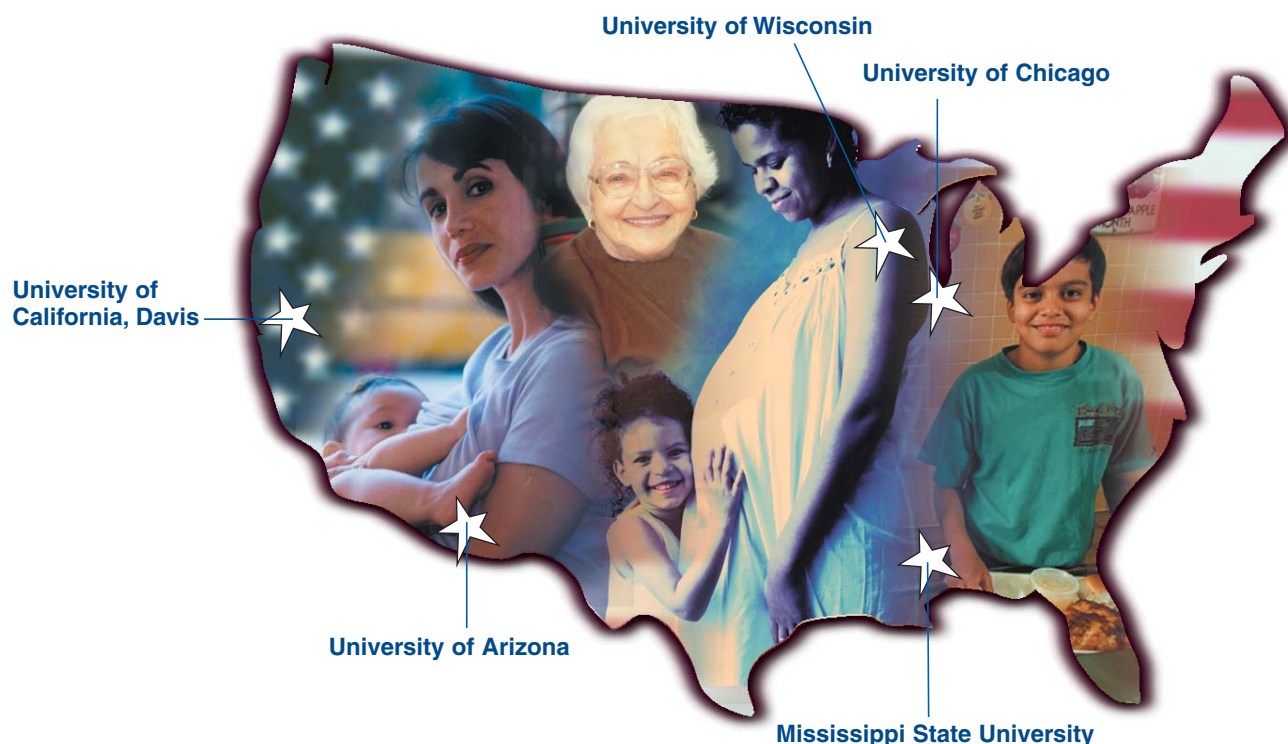
Mesfin Bezuneh and
Zealelem YiheyisClark Atlanta University
Discussant: Doug Hess, George Washington University

2:45 pm
Adjournment



**Food Assistance and
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USDA's Economic Research Service

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program Small Grants Program Adminstrating Institutions



★ **American Indian Studies Program,
University of Arizona**
Focus: *The relationship between food assistance programs on reservations and family poverty.*
Director: Jay Stauss

★ **Southern Rural Development Center,
Mississippi State University**
Focus: *Food assistance research issues for rural people, families, and communities in the South.*
Director: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu

★ **Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public
Policy Studies, University of Chicago**
Focus: *Interactions between food assistance and other welfare programs, and the effects of the macroeconomy on the need for food assistance, level of participation, and food assistance program costs.*
Director: Robert LaLonde

★ **Institute for Research on Poverty,
University of Wisconsin**
Focus: *The effects of food assistance programs on food security, income security, and other indicators of well-being among low-income individuals and families.*
Director: John Karl Scholz

★ **Department of Nutrition at the University
of California, Davis**
Focus: *The impact of food assistance programs on nutritional risk indicators (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, and dietary), food purchasing practices, and food insecurity.*
Director: Lucia Kaiser

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